



**BROADBANDUSA**  
CONNECTING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES



- > Oct. 22 we had a local fundraiser in which we used the 2 laptop computers - one to show a kids movie and the other was used along with BTOP projector and screen to show our library addition plans, summer reading pictures, and Alder School class pictures,
- > Visited the town of Pony Senior Citizens Group for lunch and discussion about the library and how to use it.
- > For the Annual Virginia City Chamber Dinner Auction our library decorated a table in Victorian Style with Library information. Each person at the table (8) received the jump drive and all the new information of what is available at our County Library.

## Thompson-Hickman County Library

### BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in under-served areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

#### Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

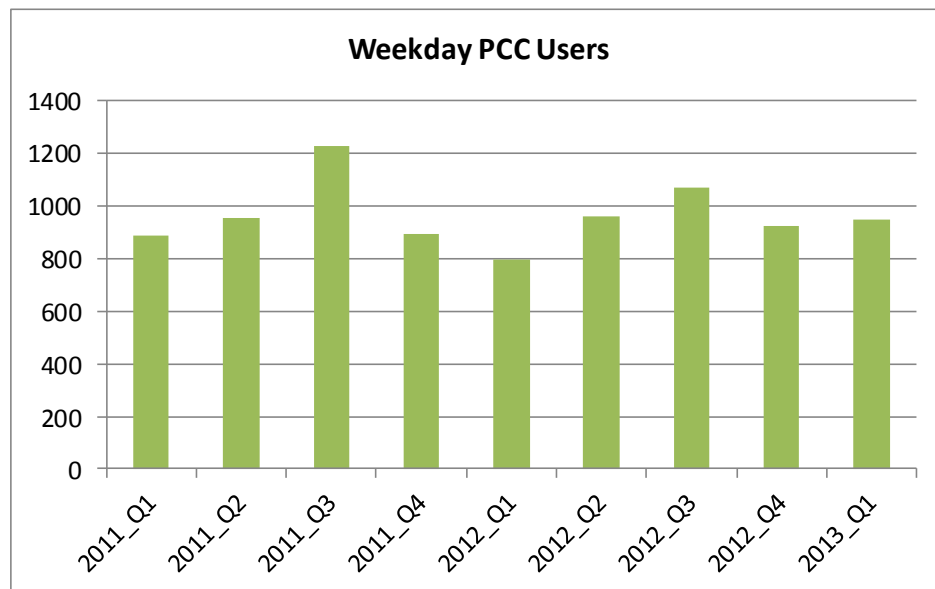
## Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
3 Rivers Communications	5.00	16.00

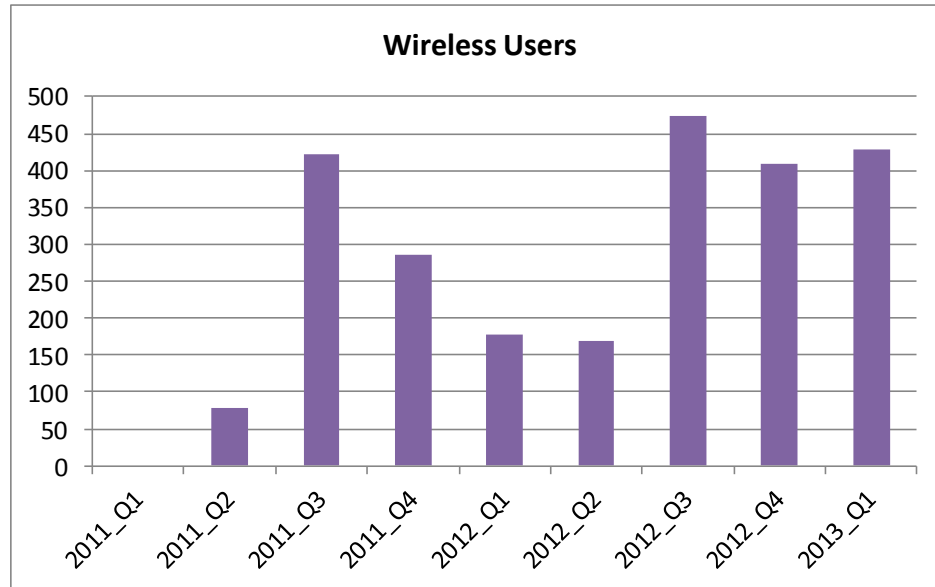
### Thompson-Hickman County Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- ◆ 4 desktop computers
- ◆ 2 laptop computers
- ◆ 2 touchscreen computers
- ◆ 1 children's computer
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 7 headphones sets
- ◆ 4 privacy screens
- ◆ 2 LaserJet printer
- ◆ 1 presentation screen
- ◆ 1 projector
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

## Public Computer Center Usage



## Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



## Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
18.54	933	15